

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 808

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alton Gary Mathews of Clarksville.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Alton Gary Mathews, a dedicated businessman and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on April 7, 1941, Gary Mathews was the son of Carson Mathews and Vera Harris; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews was the owner of Gary Mathews Nissan and Gary Mathews Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram; and

WHEREAS, a man of Christian faith, Mr. Mathews was a member of First Baptist Church of Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Joyce Mathews; son, Greg (Tess) Mathews; daughter, Shelia (Freddy Baggett) Yarbrough; grandchildren, Levi (Ashley) Mathews, Landen (Mckenzie) Mathews, and Lauren Yarbrough and her father, Terry Yarbrough; and great-grandchildren, Laci Mathews, Lakelyn Mathews, and Lydia Mathews; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Harold Mathews and Calvin Mathews, and sisters, Louise Bowring and Olene Burchett; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Alton Gary Mathews, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Mathews.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.